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REGIS COLLEGE HOSTS HERITAGE EVENING FOR SISTERS OF ST. JOSEPH

Leading in the Footsteps of Our Founders

For the past several years, Regis College has hosted Sisters of St. Joseph for a special dinner during the school's Founder's Day Week. It's always a wonderful opportunity to be with Regis students and share stories. Each year there is an inspiring presentation by students who have participated in one of Regis' many service opportunities. This year, we heard from Regis students who participated in a pilgrimage to Le Puy and Lyon, France to learn more about the charism of the Sisters of St. Joseph. The trip was sponsored by the Association of Colleges of Sisters of St. Joseph (ACSSJ). Ariana McCormack and Megan Bubello as well as Dan Leahy, Director of the Center for Ministry and Service, were part of this pilgrimage.

After the dinner they shared their experience of learning more about the first six Sisters and Mother St. John Fontbonne, and of the opportunity to reflect on these bold and courageous women and how their work led to ministries serving the "dear neighbor" without distinction. When asked what they were going to do to share this experience their comments included,

"One thing we have control over is modeling the sisters and telling the story. We want to help people see their story within the story of the sisters."

The presentation was the first in webinar series called "Leading in the Footsteps of Our Founders" created by the ACSSJ and funded by a grant from the C. Charles Jackson Foundation. Learn more at www.acssj.org



PICTURED: Members of the Regis College Chorus who entertained before dinner; Mary Lou Jackson, panel moderator, with Ariana McCormack, Meghan Bubello, and Dan Leahy.

BOSTON UNIVERSITY ART EXHIBIT FEATURES WORK OF MARIE DE SALES DINEEN, CSJ

A Few Conversations Between Women by Justyna K. Szulc-Maziarz, Regis College Archivist

On September 4, 2018, Boston University opened an exhibit at its 808 Gallery entitled *A Few Conversations Between Women*, "an inter-generational dialogue of women artists working across a myriad of mediums and at different stages of professional development." The exhibit featured works of numerous gifted women artists including Marie De Sales Dineen, CSJ, and Regis Alumna, Diana Hampe '73. Diana Hampe, an artist and a Boston University Lecturer in Art and Art Education, Sister Marie De Sales' mentorship on her own academic and artistic growth.

Sister Marie De Sales found that teaching provided a rewarding opportunity to watch young artists grow and fully develop their potential. "She [told] them not to be ashamed of what stimulates them artistically and to draw what they feel deeply because that is what they will be able to convey best," (*Our Times*, 1980) - advice that seems to have deeply resonated with Diana during her artistic career. These two pieces presented together tell a story of a remarkable relationship shared by two gifted artists.



PICTURED: Boston University Lecturer in Art and Art Education, Diana Hampe '73, and Cynthia Dineen the niece-in-law of Sister Marie De Sales Dineen at the September 4, 2018 opening of Boston University's exhibit.

Celebrating Service: CSJs and The 1918 Flu Epidemic

In the late summer of 1918, near the end of the Great War (World War I), what was then called “the Spanish flu,” arrived at the shores of Boston. It immediately spread throughout the area, challenging those who are now called “first responders.” Responding to a call by Cardinal O’Connell, the Sisters—school principals and superiors, teachers, those with household duties—collaborated with local groups, such as the St. Vincent DePaul society, as well as other volunteers to bring food and care to those will with the flu. Well-received by their neighbors and praised for volunteering, they went back to everyday life when the extraordinary need was over. *SO*



September 28, 1918

“Mother Borgia telephoned to-day to ask for volunteers to care for the sick people. Eight Sisters sent their names. Other Sisters would like to go but they themselves are ill.”

ANNALS OF ST. CATHERINE CONVENT, CHARLESTON

A TRIBUTE TO CATHOLIC SISTERS

Health Commissioner William C. Woodward says while praise must be given to all workers who assisted in fighting the epidemic, special praise should go to the Catholic sisters who went out from their convents into private homes and, with the unselfishness that characterizes these women who have consecrated their lives to an ideal, gave service which money alone could never have purchased.

These devoted women, many of them teachers and not at all used to nursing, never hesitated to perform services which are the duty of the professional trained nurse. They asked no questions. Whatever was needed to be done it was their pleasure to do. The rules that governed them in their seclusion were set aside when necessary. They even donned nurses’ uniforms when the work demanded it. Boston joins with Dr. Woodward in thanking them publicly. (Boston Traveler, Friday, October 18, 1918)



Nuns & Nones gathered at our Motherhouse on Sept 22.

Watch for more on Nuns & Nones in our upcoming issue of “the MORE...” magazine. Pictured here: Rosemary Mulvihill, CSJ, Katie Gordon, Alice Mary Kirby, CSJ, and Rachel Plattus during a Nuns & Nones Facebook Live event.



ABOVE: Flu volunteers from St. Catherine’s, Charlestown, MA; Doctors, Nurses Volunteers from Canton, MA. [note: this picture is also a part of the 2009-2012 Smithsonian Museum’s *Women and Spirit* Traveling Exhibit] View a video of our sisters volunteer work during this Flu Epidemic at <http://www.csjboston.org/>

Dates to Remember

- OCT 6, SAT., 4:00PM — VIGIL LITURGY FOR SUNDAY — Fontbonne Convent
- OCT. 10, WED., 6:30-8:00PM — EVENING OF PRAYER: MINDFULNESS-KINDNESS & COMPASSION — Motherhouse. For more information contact spiritual.ministries@csjboston.org
- OCT. 13, SAT., 9:30AM-12:30PM — ANTI-TRAFFICKING SYMPOSIUM — Motherhouse. — Visit www.csjboston.org for details
- OCT. 14, SUN., 9:30AM — SUNDAY LITURGY — Fontbonne Convent
- OCT. 17, WED., 10:00AM-12:00PM CROSSROADS AND THRESHOLDS: Embracing the Second Half of Life. A 4-week series offered by The Women’s Table for more information. visit <https://thewomenstable.org/upcoming-programs/> for details
- OCT. 18, THURS., 7:00PM — TAIZÉ PRAYER — Motherhouse
- OCT. 21, SUN., 9:30AM — SUNDAY LITURGY — Fontbonne Convent
- OCT. 27, SAT., CONGREGATION GATHERING — Motherhouse—details to follow
- OCT. 29, MON., ALLSTON/BRIGHTON VOLUNTEER FAIR — hosted by The Literacy Connection — Visit www.csjboston.org for details.

*Long deeply for God.
Be constant, wisely eager
to receive God’s love.*

*Maxims in Haiku #42, Frances Agnes Blake, CSJ
Based on Maxims of the Little Institute*

SISTER MARJORIE MARIE HOWE, CSJ

Date of Birth: May 10, 1930
Date of Death: September 17, 2018
In the 69th year of her Religious Life.

MEMBERSHIP: 241

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<http://www.csjboston.org/news-and-events/in-memoriam/>



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